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wounded the over-eager hand. There

upon though the, game be plentiful;

though the keeper put the bow once

more into the still useful hand, though

other arrows rest in the full quiver, the

game passes unheeded, the bow warps

for want of work, and the arrow-heads

rust in idleness. For one false shot,

therefore, a quiver full of arrows is lost

and an empty larder cries out upon the

faint-hearted one. How many of us

Arise, misguided ones. The old year

dead; but the New Year has riser

fenced city, he has done his duty if his

"Trust no future howe'er pleasant.

Let the dead past bury its dead,

Act, act in the living present, Heart within and God o'erhead."

Cruelty to Animals.

tion for the men; but sorrow and fear

tempt for the parents who had taught

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Why, certainly! the South ought to have the best eating houses in America. We make more good things down here, and our people are clever enough. We give expression to such opinion because of the statement of a recent writer to the New York Sun, that the railroad eating houses in the South are the best in America. And amongst those mentioned by name are the eat ing houses at Hamlet, Charlotte and

Weldon, in this State. Hotel keepers might do a great deal towards bringing money into the South by feeding their guests well and giving them the very best service. Men from the North and other sections are willing to pay good money for good

Agitation is a good thing sometimes. The constant agitation that has been kept up about pension frauds has borne fruit. A man out in Michigan, to whom a pension certificate was granted in 1895, has sent in his certificate to Washington saying he is not entitled to a pension. He promises to try to return all the money he has drawn since his paper was issued in 1895. Others are sending in requests that their names be dropped from the pension roll.

the pension list will turn and grow less. Let us hope so.

It ought to be a matter of appreci ation on the part of every good citizen of the State, that the liquor dispensaries that have been established in this State have all proved a success and blessing to the communities in which they have been tried. Recent reports from Louisburg and Fayetteville show that the dispensaries in those places have been a source of good revenue to the towns and a means of greatly re ducing drunkenness. And still in those communities no one can have it to say that his liberties for liquor drinking are curtailed. The drinking man's liberties to make himself nuisance to other people are curtailed, and herein lies one of the excellencies

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generations and through all ages past. rium to handle the products of our various manufactories. The plaid mills manufacture goods in quantities, ship them North, and in turn the same goods are shipped back from the great jobbers to the retail merchants. The same is true of the product of our knitting mills. The goods are placed with jobbers North who sell the goods and ship them back South.

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A lumber man who has had much observation and experience in business North and South, said to THE COM-MONWEALTH recently that the real business interests of this country can nevpolicy of the Government, he think has been the most efficient means of erippling the business interests of America. And in this view the peo-

sumption, but Dr. David's Cough Syrup will cure the cough which, if neglected, will end in consumption. Pure pine Hudson's Surpassing Coffee a tur, hoar-hound and wild cherry-Our

SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 1898.

THE PAST IS SURELY FIXED.

AN APT PARABLE.

Some Rambling Thoughts.

BY "NEMO."

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Were my readers wielding this pen hey would recognize the difficultythe impossiblity-of touching all classes each week. Lives are so varied, and thoughts even more so, that one must be content with throwing out words of courage almost at random, satisfied with the mere chance of nerying somebody whose needs are unknown. There is a wide-spread class I would commune with this week-the discouraged.

THE IRREVOCABLE PAST is an awful gun be well pointed, and his powder thought, I admit-no one knows it dry; but whether he will slay the commander-in-chief, or shatter a tobaccobetter. The deeds we do, like the casual foot-prints in the sands of the nist's dummy, he cannot tell. Point proposed is pleasure, and frequently Bay of Fundy-footprints of the strug- at the frowning ramparts of all opposgles for prey or of love—are preserved ing forces. Aim high and you will ed gratification. There is a wide disforever. Whatever we have done re- overcome. mains an indelible mark. The flood of repentance may soften its harsh outlines; the ocean-flowers of God's goodness may cover it; long years may spread over it the gentle mist of forgetfulness; but the print remains, And just as the curious geologist unearths strange markings and odd shapes, and brings them to the light, so in the career of each one of us will ever be found those walking consciences of unhappy accusation, who while occupying themselves with us as friends are unearthing our fossil deeds and sad And now after all, it may be that acts and displaying them to a gaping world whose first thought is to see the hole whence such things can be digged and to argue to our damage that there must be more where these came from.

Such is somewhat the experience of all of us who have erred. We are ed wagon and were goading the mules stabbed in the houses of our reputed with them. And when the woman friends,—we are appalled to find even, cried out the boys on the street our simple or sinless foolishness re- thought it was funny and laughed and membered through decades and revived after times of utter peace of mind. This is what causes the heart and indignation for the boys and conoften to sink within us. It makes us feel like loving the drifting of a stick towards the sea rather than the restless energy of the living fish that must strive if it would make real progress.

The past belongs to a record that is unfeeling and unthinking men, with unchangeable. Bear that in mind and scoldings and beatings, are not strange take courage. Each of us has a grave- sights. We have a law, but public yard,-the skeletons are there and sentiment does not enforce it. Parents some-day perhaps our friends will have duties but they are not teaching prove it to us. But dining with ghosts, their children the beauty of gentleness sleeping with them, thinking of them or training them to revolt at cruelty. will unnerve the heart, produce visions Some day men are going to realize of unreal sorrows and utterly ruin the that they have no more right before keep us from opening our doors to the a man, to beat a horse than to beat govern." hungry duties and deeds that await us a workman, to work their stock to

What we have for our own is THE thing on earth. LIVING PRESENT, as Longfellow ex-

It is a stimulating thought, though the next step be the future, and the last the past; yet, through our whole life, we have our constant little "glimpse of time between two eternities." which to all intents and purposes is North Carolina needs some empo- our own. We need not stop to discuss Free-will or Election. Whether our every action be fore-ordained or foreknown of God or no, practically it is ours to choose. The father may warn the child that fire will burn, may even know before he leaves the room that the child will be burnt, may even wish the child to learn wisdom by suffering : but, as far as the child is concerned, it is his to choose whether faith or selfwill shall have the mastery. The present is in 1ts passing moments determining those things at which we shall later look back. The past is fixed. The present is ours to shape and to mould. Let us get at it with every fierceness of purpose.

You gloomy mourners over the past, be more popular and give more pleas listen to a homely parable; Three boys ure to others than the rough and boorhad each a speckled apple. The first ish one. A little courtesy costs nothing recognized the defect, and threw the but a little thought and it makes the fruit into the nearest stream. The wheels of society move vastly more second cut away the bad part and ate smoothly. We do not mean that the what was lett. The third sat him form of good manners should take the down bemoaning the fate that sent the place of the reality, but unselfishness away our lives; others, wiser, like the Cough medicine will not cure consumption, but Dr. David's Cough Syrup will cure the cough which, if neglected, will end in consumption. Pure pine will end in consumption and wild cherry—Our hat a suffered from indigestion, and am subject to frequent severe attacks of pain to felieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by Druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a will end in the stomach and bowels. One or two doses of this remedy for cronp, colds and bronger will be stremedy for cronp, colds and sold in the stomach and bowels. One of two doses of this remedy for cronp, colds and bronger will be stremedy for cronp, colds and bronger will be stremedy for

PLEASURES INNOCENT.

REAL PLEASURE IS TO DO RIGHT.

Strike the Happy Mean.

BY LADY COOK, NEE TENNESSEE C. CLAFLIN. The pursuit of pleasure is a universal

instinct throughout all animated nature. The love of pleasure is as much a natural appetite as the love of for d. We may safely assume, therefore, that its gratification, when rationally in from its ashes. The past is with God dulged, serves some useful and import--irrevocable. The future is with God ant purpose. All enquiry not only -uncontrolable, But the present, the confirms this, but shows that pleasure "Living Present", is yours-yours to is a necessity, morally, mentally, and shape and brighten, until it hide the physically. If this be so, the asceticism Past by its greatness, and woo the fuwhich condemns all pleasure is as imture by its loveliness. Be like the moral as it is foolish. artilleryman who hurls a shell into a

Our desires seek a great diversity of objects. These may be worthy or unworthy, and our methods of attaining them right or wrong. But the end its mere pursuit brings about a modifiand happiness, because pleasure may sung in infant schools, went : be virtuous or vicious, whereas happiness necessarily consists in the former. Socrates beautifully described happiness as "unrepented pleasure." And it must be self-evident that the pleas ures which need no repentance are those alone which are worthy of attain-The cruelest animal is not the tiger, ment. Prudence is their basis. The t is man; the most thoughtless of liv- great tounder of the philosophy of ing things is not the moth, it is the pleasure, Epicurus, the most abused and of Low or Evangelican Churchmen, boy. A woman ran into the street, most misunderstood of the Greek sages, because her heart made her, and cried said: "All other virtues grow from that an animal, with a head of a higher out a protest against the punishment prudence, which teaches that we can of three men, whom it were compliment not live pleasurably without living to call brutal, who were inflicting upon a justly and virtuously, nor live justly team of mules that were straining ev- and virtuously without living pleasura-

guided them. They had each taken a stick of wood from the heavily load- founding the evil with the good, and morality are unwittingly promoted. with a zoneless waist." Another says: jeered. Pity for the mules, indigna-

"And pain and pleasure e'er shall be. As Plato says, in company, Receive the one, and soon the other Will follow to rejoin his brother."

What real pleasure is, the celebrated lillotson in one of his sermons partly informs us :- "There is a great pleasure in being innocent, because that prevents guilt and trouble. It is pleasant to be virtuous and good, because that is to excel many others; it is pleasant to grow better, because that is to excel ourselves. Nav. it is pleasant even to mortify and subdue our lusts, because that is victory; it is pleasant to command our appetites and passions, and to keep them in due order, within the bounds of reason and religion, because life so long as the ghosts of gone-bys, God to starve an animal than to starve this is a kind of empire—this is to

Our desires and tastes are so numeroutside our dreary banqueting hall of death than to work themselves to death. ous, that our pleasures should be al-A man worthy of the name will not most numberless, yet we obtain few be cruel, will not be unkind to any- through want of prudence, or through here yesterday from his extensive tour and the Indian stole into the house It animals think-we know some ful old egotist, Montaigne, said: Austin. It was announced that Bryan shoot her, but the cartridge failed to that make a better show at it than "There is no just and lawful pleasure would arrive here Thursday, and at explode. The Seminole then attacked some people—they must in many cases wherein the intemperance and excess all the towns along the line her with the butt of the gun, clubbed have a far better opinion of the brute is not to be condemned. But, to speak of railroad between here and Eagle her to death and outraged her body. creation than they have of their mas- the truth, is not man a most miserable ters. Let us have a change. It you creature the while? It is scarce, by see a man treating dumb animals cru- his natural condition, in his power to ill use of her talent, when she exerand forget his creatures; that is a falsecises it in rescinding from the number and sweetness of those pleasures, that are naturally our due, as she employs it favourably, and well, in artificially disguising and tricking out the ills of life, to alleviate the sense of them Good manners are a part of good . . . Nature has with a moth morals. We all acknowledge the truth of the trite saying that true politeness comes from the heart and that it is

erly tenderness observed this, that the actions she has enjoined us for our necessity, should be al o pleasant to us and invites us to them, not only by up in small things to the comfort of others. The polite person must always injustice to intringe her laws."

In these busy days, when men and women, and too frequently children, are worked at high pressure, the need of pleasure becomes the greater. If promote wisdom. As Horace said: "Tis good, 'tis good at times to play the fool." To live and to enjoy life, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been affirmed to be not only the portions as soon as they are seen to be worthless, and henceforth live only on the sound of our occupations. Montaigue, whom the sound of our occupations of our occupations. workings, and nencerorm live only on the following from a corresponding the good and wholesome things; and the solid softens the shild softens the shill soften the shill shill soften the shill soften the shill shill soften the shill shil the good and wholesome things; and there are others, who have neither the decision of Judas, nor the good-sense decision of Judas, nor the good-se

you known how to compose your man

ners? You have done a great dea more than he who has composed books. Have you known how to take repose? You have done more than li who takes cities and empires. The glorious master-piece of man is, to know how to live to purpose; all other things-to reign, to lay up treasures and to build, are at the most but little appendices and little props."

The stern puritanism of old, which occasionally breaks out still, even z County Councils and Petty Sessionput the ban upon many innocent pleasures, and interdicted any semilance of them on Sundays. The people were taught by their spiritual guides that to look upon the green fields and running brooks was . Sabbath break ing," and that Salbath-breaking was of equal turpitude with drunkenness and tornication. Thus their moral and religious ideas became confused, and they were diven to revolt against all restraints, on the principle that one may as well be hanged for a sheep as lamb. A Saturday night Hymn for children commenced : "Haste, put you: playthings all away, To-morrow is the tinction, however, between pleasure Sabbath day." A stanza of another,

> "We must not laugh on Sunday, But we may laugh on Monday, On Tuesday and on Wednesday, On Thursday, Friday, Saturday Till Sunday comes again."

In regard to the question of opening the Crystal Palace on the Sunday "The Record," which describes itself as 'Liberal-Conservative," and the organ said, 45 years ago: "It is surprising order than a Chimpanzee, should pronounce it innocent to open a place for public wordly amusement on the Sabbath." It is through influences such as these that hypocrites-young men ultitudes, and that crime and many poets and philosophers have The crying want of the time is more spirit and a love of wholesome pleas ures should be encouraged through in our discrimination. The eye that sees motes often suffers from a beam. The same pleasures are not suitable for all, yet all may be suited. And the men who invents a new pleasure is undoubtedly a public benefactor. But whether we are old or young, rich or poor, ignorant or learned, or occupy a middle station, as the old moralist said: "Withal, let us be gay and soci-

A Drummer's Trick on Bryan.

San Antonio, Texas, Dispatch.

senseless prohibitions. That delight of Mexico, and left last night for secured the rifle and attempted to crowds. An amusing imposition was through the open door. practiced on these crowds at several of him, they cheered him vociferously, and called for a speech.

Long thought it an opportunity for a joke, and he walked out on the platby the conductor of the train as Mr. Bryan. Long then startled the audience by making a strong sound-money speech, saving his views on coinage had been completely changed by his visit to Mexico, and that he had reached the conclusion that William Mcthat this country ever had.

The speech was repeated at several places, and was not greeted with great World's Fair. For sale by E. T. Whiteapplause, except by the sound money men in the crowds, who were highly suitable and properly enjoyed, it is the elated over the supposed change in salt of good morals, keeping them the views of the former great free silsound and sweet; the medicine of the ver champion. They did not learn un mind, and the refresher of the body. til today that an imposition had been rottenness until the whole decayed. can be cultivated and with its growth Even harmless folly may occasionally practiced upon them, and their wrath

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Cruel Murder by an Indian.

Wichita, Kan., Jan. 5 .- Mrs. Julia Leard, a white woman was murdered by a Seminole Indian yesterday evenng, four miles east of Maud, Okla. The crime was committed in the presence of the woman's children. Earlier in the afternoon, Mrs. Leard had frightened the Indian away, threatening him with a rifle. Later she stepp-William Jennings Bryan arrived ed out of doors carrying her baby Pass demonstrations were given by He hurled the baby into the house

Several Indians have been arrested, old daughter, the oldest of her family,

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them.

er properly thrive until we can have a Some of us, like Judas Iscariot, dis-naturally comes politeness. system of free trade. The protection cover our character-specks and throw ple of the South generally concur.

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elly, talk to him in God's name. If taste one pleasure pure and entire; and stations by Henry Long, a commercial but the murdared woman's eight-year he insults you or persists, report him yet must be be contriving doctrines traveler of St. Louis who has a resemto the civil authorities. There is no and precepts, to curtail that little he blance to Bryan. Long was in the has been unable to identify any of measuring the good that may be done has; he is not yet wretched enough un- Pullman car of the train on which them as the murderer. There is great this way. He who serves God's creatures less by art and study he augment his Bryan was expected and when the excitement in the vicinity. is a noble man of God. To love God own misery. Human wisdom makes crowd at the small towns caught sight

form, and was introduced to the crowds reason, but also by appetite; and it is Kinley was one of the best Presidents

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